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FOR PM: DIRECTOR RONALD SPIERS FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MAAG/ MILGP CHIEF

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1. MAAG NETHERLANDS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE HEADED BY NAVAL OFFICER AS DISCUSSED IN CHNAVSEC MAAG NETH 020900 Z NOV 72, WITH WHICH I CONCUR. MAAG STAFF PRESENTLY COMPRISES SIX OFFICERS AND TWO ENLISTED PERSONNEL, AND THIS IS BARE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO MEET VITAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES PARTICULARLY MILITARY SALES PROGRAM RUNNING AT BETTER THAN \$50 MILLION A YEAR, WITH ADDITIONAL SALES PROJECTS TOTALLING SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

2. PRESENT HEAD OF MAAG NETHS IS NAVAL CAPTAIN, WHOM I HAVE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR PROMOTION TO REAR ADMIRAL BECAUSE OF HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND SCOPE OF HIS JOB. APART FROM PRESENT INCUMBENT'S DEMONSTRATED FITNESS FOR FLAG RANK, IT MIGHT BE WORTH CONSIDERING RECLASSIFICATION OF HEAD OF MAAG NETHS BILLET TO FLAG RANK. I REALIZE THIS WOULD RUN COUNTER TO TREND OF LAST SEVERAL YEARS. HOWEVER, U. S. MILITARY SALES TO NETHS ARE MAKING IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO US BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND ASSIST IN KEEPING THIS COUNTRY FIRMLY AND ACTIVELY IN ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. IN PURSUIT OF HIS OBJECTIVES, HEAD OF MAAG MUST DEAL ON DAILY BASIS WITH TOP OFFICERS OF DUTCH ARMED FORCES. FLAG OFFICER RANK FOR THIS BILLET COULD PROVE ADVANTAGEOUS IN FUTURE, CONFIDENTIAL

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ALTHOUGH PRESENT INCUMBENT HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN HANDICAPPED, AS
FAR AS I CAN TELL, BY HIS CAPTAIN' S RANK.
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